

Washington, July 16.—Fair today; tomorrow partly cloudy.

TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR table with columns for hours and temperature readings.

BIG GERMAN OFFENSIVE COMPLETE FAILURE; AMERICANS FLING FOE BACK ACROSS MARNE

ALLIES HOLDING LIKE STONE WALL AS PRUSSIANS RESUME HEAVY BLOW AGAINST THEM

Pershing's Men Recapture Fossoy and Crezancy—Entente Lines Hold Firm East of Rheims and Smashing Counter-Assaults Weaken Morale of Ludendorff's Forces. Tornado of Yankee Steel Tears Hostile Waves to Shreds

With the American Forces on the Marne, July 16 (11:10 a. m.)

Reports from one end of the battleline to the other say that except for a few minor localities, the great German offensive so far has been a complete failure.

American troops today shot down a courier pigeon belonging to the enemy east of Chateau-Thierry. It was carrying a message from a German divisional headquarters saying that the situation was serious; that the Germans saw no chance of making further progress in the locality of that division.

By the Associated Press

Paris, July 16.

The Germans this morning continued their attacks against the French line in pursuance of their offensive, according to information that has reached here.

The dispatch received, indicates that the offensive remains held up, the attacks up to this morning having been nearly everywhere repulsed with heavy losses.

Advices from the front up to noon today said that little change in the situation had been created by the German offensive.

American troops have recaptured Fossoy and Crezancy, towns on the south bank taken yesterday by the Germans when they crossed the Marne, and have driven the enemy across the river.

MAYOR BIDS FOES OF GUDEHUS QUIT RECREATION BODY

Action Follows Turning Down of Vore Secretary for Supervisor

SAY HE'S NOT QUALIFIED

Ernest L. Tustin, Miss Sophia L. Ross and Rev. Henry Berkowitz Offended

Refusal to appoint Edward R. Gudehus, former secretary to Senator Vore, as supervisor of playgrounds, at \$3000 a year, caused a demand for the resignation of three members of the board this afternoon, by Mayor Smith.

The three members whose resignations were requested are Ernest L. Tustin, chairman of the board; Miss Sophia L. Ross and the Rev. Dr. Henry Berkowitz. The Mayor's action was announced at a meeting of the board.

ONE NAME ON LIST

Mr. Tustin said the meeting was called to consider the eligible list from the Civil Service Commission which had but one name—Gudehus—and asked what the members thought of such an appointment.

Miss Ross declared the applicant was not qualified, through education or experience.

Doctor Berkowitz then asserted that an eligible list having only one name was not sufficient, and suggested that the Civil Service Commission be requested to hold another examination and that a legal list of at least four eligibles be submitted for a selection.

A resolution to this effect was seconded by William A. Stecher, director of physical education, and the resolution adopted. This leaves William H. Welsh, acting supervisor of playgrounds, whose term expires today, still in the position.

The action of the board follows several conferences with the Mayor at which those members who attended today's meeting declared they would not appoint Gudehus.

COMMERCIAL WOMEN MEET

Various Activities Represented in Cincinnati Convention

Cincinnati, July 16.—The second annual convention of a new organization, the Women's Association of Commerce of the United States, opened here today.

Miss Florence King, of Chicago, president of the association, in an opening address today said: "The war has forced millions of women from all over the world into the fields of industry which have never entered before."

The convention will continue four days.

JUSTICE FOX INDUCTED

New Member Takes Seat as Supreme Court Convenes Here

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania convened for its summer session in this city today, during which ten new members in eleven cases will be heard, attorneys will be admitted to practice and decisions given in about seventy-five pending cases.

NO VACATION FOR WILSON

President Will Remain in Washington All Summer

Washington, July 16.—There will be no vacation this year for President Wilson.

With matters of tremendous importance demanding his attention every day, the President has decided that he cannot leave his desk, and it was officially announced at the White House today that he will remain in Washington throughout the summer.

ANNA GOULD'S SON CITED

Young de Castellane Gets Second Mention for Heroism

Paris, July 16.—Second Lieutenant George de Castellane, son of the Marquis de Castellane and Anna Gould (now the Duchess of Talleyrand and of Sagan), earned his second citation in the French attack of June 11 for "making a perilous reconnaissance and bringing back exact information of the enemy's position."

OUR WEATHER TRIOLET

Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy, with showers. More warmth in sight. Partly cloudy tonight.

From the west come the light, gentle winds of the hours. Partly cloudy tonight. And Wednesday, with showers.

BOMB U. S. RED CROSS HOSPITAL

German Airmen Attack Jony Institution; Kill 2, Injure 9

Paris, July 16.—German air raiders last night bombed an American Red Cross hospital at Jony, killing two men and injuring nine persons, including Miss Jane Jeffrey.

The hospital was full of wounded and operations were proceeding when the attack began. Physicians and nurses never halted their work. Three tents were destroyed.

East of Châlons Red Cross workers searched all night long for wounded and many were sent back to the hospitals.

FIFTH WARD PLOT IS TOLD TO JURY

Gray Foils Efforts to Show Frame-Up at Conspiracy Trial

STERN REPEATS THREATS

West Chester, Pa., July 16.

The Fifth Ward conspiracy cases are a deliberate "frame-up" on the part of a group of big political leaders, charged William A. Gray today in the Chester County Court House.

Gray charged Stern with making deliberate misstatements.

Gray unsuccessfully tried to show a connection between Senator Penrose and the Fifth Ward case. Stern said he had never communicated with Penrose under conditions in the Fifth ward.

Earlier in his cross-examination, Gray charged Stern with making deliberate misstatements.

"I propose to argue to the jury," said Gray, "that this man (meaning Stern) has not told the truth on the stand."

The Commonwealth today succeeded in reading into the record at the Fifth Ward conspiracy trial, evidence that the Deutsch forces had prepared in advance for the arrest of Carey workers on primary election day, September 19, 1917.

It was on this day that George A. Eppley, a policeman, was murdered, and Select Councilman James A. Carey and some of his followers were roughly handled.

WARRANT ISSUED IN ADVANCE

With Stern on the witness stand the second day of the trial opened this morning. Under examination by Assistant District Attorney Joseph H. Taulane, of Philadelphia, Stern told of his arrest on election day on a warrant issued two days before. Gray objected to Stern telling of the warrant.

Judge Hause ruled that standing alone, Mr. Stern's narrative of his arrest for subornation of perjury would not be admissible. But the Judge declared, if through it the issuance of a large number of warrants could be coupled up with the defendants, then the evidence must be admitted.

Mr. Gray's objection was overruled with the statement by the Court that it was the jury's duty to wade through the smoke and see if it had application to the fire in the case. Continuing, Stern told of threats made by Lieutenant Bennett at a hearing of

COLGATE TO MEET EDGE

Camp Field Day to Be in Nature of Political Reunion

Sea Girt, July 16.—Is the Republican drive of peace to hover over Sea Girt on Thursday? That is the question that is being asked by prominent party men here today.

Senator Colgate has not been to Sea Girt this summer. His withdrawal from the United States Senatorial race, which was accompanied by a fiery attack upon Governor Edge, seemed to estrange him from all things political down here.

AGREE TO PRISONER PACT

British to Examine Terms Before Dealing With Germany

London, July 16.—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in announcing in the House of Commons last night that a provisional agreement for the exchange of British and German prisoners had been reached, said the terms would have to be examined carefully by the British Government before ratification.

For that reason he could not make a more detailed statement at present.

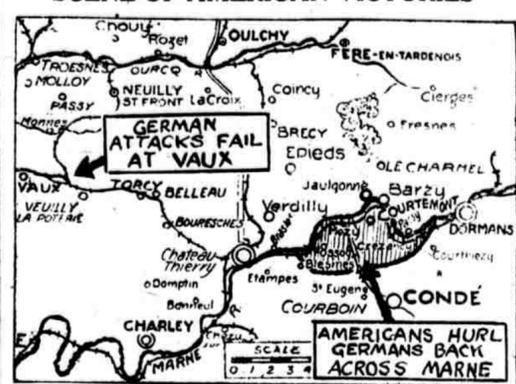
JAPANESE CABINET MEETS

Believed U. S. Note Received Regarding Intervention

Tokyo, July 16.—Newspapers attach much importance to a special meeting of the Japanese cabinet, which was attended by army officers.

It is believed that some communication was received from the American Government concerning intervention in Russia.

SCENE OF AMERICAN VICTORIES



The shaded portion of the above map represents the ground taken by the Germans west of Dormans before the Americans counter-attacked. The Yankees, in their counter-blow, hurled the Teutons back across the Marne, retaking the villages of Crezancy and Courtmont. At Vaux, the Germans gained a foothold in the town, but were driven out again by the Americans, who have re-established their old positions.

BURIAN FAVORS WILSON'S TERMS

Austro-Hungarian Minister Opposes Alsace-Lorraine Demands, However

Amsterdam, July 16.

Baron von Burian, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, in a note addressed to the Austrian and Hungarian Premiers, is quoted in a dispatch from Vienna as saying:

"There is hardly any difference between the general principles enunciated by the statesmen of both belligerents. President Wilson's four new points of July 4 shall not, apart from certain exaggerations, arouse our opposition."

"Continuing, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister said:

"The enemy's obstinacy regarding his territorial demands concerning Alsace-Lorraine, Trieste, Trentino and the German colonies appears to be insurmountable."

In his reference to President Wilson's four new points in his July 4 speech, Baron Burian said he was able to approve of them heartily, and that to a great extent "nobody would refuse homage to this genius and nobody would refuse his co-operation."

Baron Burian said none of the belligerent States needs ever come into the position reached by Russia and Rumania, as "we are ready to enter into peace negotiations with all our opponents."

Continuing, the Foreign Minister of Austria-Hungary said:

"If our enemies continuously demand atonement for wrong done and restitution, then this is a claim which we could urge with more justification against them, because we have been attacked and the wrong done to us must be redressed."

Berlin newspapers give much attention to the making of the Austrian Reichstag called for today.

Premier von Seydler received a number of party leaders Saturday and conferred with them four hours, during which the leaders, according to Vienna telegrams, showed so much attachment in the interests of their respective parties that the Premier ultimately appealed to them to let the session pass in a way to serve the interests of the monarchy. The conferences caused a great sensation.

MAY RETURN DUTCH SHIPS

U. S. Considering Restoration of Vessels Before End of War

Amsterdam, July 16.—(By I. N. S.) The United States is considering the return to Holland of some of the requisitioned Dutch shipping before the end of the war, according to the newspaper

England and America requisitioned Dutch ships in Allied harbors some months ago, on certain conditions, for carrying purposes.

NEWS!

Readers of the Evening Public Ledger are kept informed, hour by hour, by an unparalleled news service, of every move in the great battle that is now being fought in France.

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FIVE FROM HERE KILLED IN FRANCE

Philadelphians and Camden Man Give Lives for Democracy

Amsterdam, July 16.

Four more Philadelphians and one Camden man have given their lives for democracy. Four were killed in action during recent heavy fighting on the west front and one was killed in an accident, according to the casualty list announced by the War Department today. They are listed as follows:

KILLED IN ACTION HARRY RUBENSON, 105 Diamond street.

JOHN A. SPARING, 1522 North Fitz-fourth street.

CORPORAL J. KNAPP, 124 Reed street.

JOHN A. OVERLAND, 123 Steven street, Camden, N. J.

DIED OF ACCIDENT MICHAEL J. WARD, 1507 Stillman street.

Rubenson and Sparing were members of the United States marine corps and probably were killed during the marine operations in the vicinity of Chateau-Thierry.

Overland was a drummer attached to the marine corps.

C. F. Massey, a member of the army, is listed as missing in action. His home is in Chester, Pa.

Private Rubenson was the son of Abraham Rubenson, a grocer. He has two brothers and two sisters residing in this city, besides his parents. He enlisted in the marine corps in April, 1917, soon after the declaration of war, and was awarded a gold life-saving medal for rescuing a sailor, the latter stating being in the first group of soldiers sent over following General Pershing.

His parents received a letter from him a few days ago, the letter stating that Rubenson was "feeling fine" and urging his parents not to worry for his safety.

Clement C. Kite, officially reported in yesterday's dispatches as killed in action, enlisted in the United States marines along with Stanley E. Wilson, from the Central National Bank, at the first call for volunteers.

The casualty list today also contains the name of Private Albin B. Lewis, 654 Germantown avenue. He is a member of the marines, and is reported missing in action.

MEDAL FOR NAVY COMMANDER

Henry C. Mustin, Germantown, Gets Award for Rescue at Sea

Commander Henry C. Mustin, U. S. N., 233 Harvey street, Germantown, has been awarded a gold life-saving medal for rescuing a sailor, the latter stating being in the first group of soldiers sent over following General Pershing.

Mustin's vessel was maneuvering with a fleet on January 15, and a heavy sea was running. The fireman fell overboard. Mustin was on the bridge. He so maneuvered his vessel that, at the proper time with a tow line attached to his waist he jumped overboard, held the fireman and was hauled back to the main deck.

The seas were tossing the vessel about like a cork and both men were in danger of being crushed against the ship's side or under a heavy gun. Mustin also commended for his handling of the ship.

BRITISH BAG 9 ENEMY PLANES

Air Ministry Announces Successful Work of Fliers

London, July 16.—Nine enemy planes were shot down Sunday by British fliers, and three balloons were destroyed, the British Air Ministry announced today.

On the morning of July 14 the side-line bombers and the ammunition dumps at Warstein and Barmine, the docks at Bruges and dredging parties at Zeebrugge were heavily bombed.

HOME FROM PRISON CAMP

300 Italians Who Escaped Warmly Welcomed at Rome

YANKEES CLEAR Foe FROM SOUTH BANK OF MARNE

Americans Battling East of Rheims Don't Yield Inch to Enemy

By the United Press

With the American Army on the Marne, July 16.

The Americans yesterday drove the Germans back across the Marne and cleared the enemy entirely from the south bank. They recaptured the towns of Fossoy, Mesey, Crezancy and Courtmont.

The Germans had not renewed their attacks up to early this morning at the time of cabling.

The sky was overcast and it was raining intermittently. The artillery duel, which continued all night, was still raging. There was considerable aerial activity, despite unfavorable weather, and great quantities of bombs were dropped on the rear areas of both armies.

Capture 1500 Germans The American counter-attack, which cleared the river bend of the enemy, resulted in the taking of between 1000 and 1500 prisoners, including a complete brigade staff.

American units holding the line east of Rheims had not given an inch before the German drive.

Stand Like Stone Wall Forming the Allied right flank they stood like a stone wall against the great enemy push, inflicting huge losses on the Germans and taking large numbers of prisoners.

Following a bombardment of gas and high explosives which adjoining French units declared was heavier than any ever attempted at Verdun, the masses of grey-clad German infantry swept forward to the assault yesterday morning.

Tear Gaps in Foe's Line American field guns, firing low over the heads of our men in advanced positions, tore great gaps in the close packed ranks of the enemy. The machine gunners and riflemen withheld their fire until they could literally follow General Putnam's famous order—"Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes." Then, at a signal, they cut loose with such a tornado of steel that the foremost waves of boche infantry were torn to shreds.

The Germans wavered, tried to reform their ranks, and finally fled.

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The Heart Hunters

A gripping new serial by Mary Douglas, is appearing daily on the Woman's Page of the Evening Public Ledger.

DON'T MISS IT

POINTS WHERE ENEMY HURLED FORCES AGAINST ALLIED LINE

Former Director of Military Operations of British Army

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It had been known for some time past that the Germans were preparing an attack to the east of Rheims. In the rough, sandy heathland of Champagne, which had already been the scene of many battles in this war, in fact, the enemy appears to have taken so little trouble to conceal these preparations that this attack must, until we know more, be suspected. The year is getting on, the Americans are pouring in, therefore Hindenburg must this time attempt something really substantial or confess that his campaign of 1918 has ended in failure.

Now, an attack on Rheims leads to nothing which can affect the military situation on the western front very vitally. Rheims itself has ceased to be to the French more than a name, and the possibility of losing it has

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AMERICANS DRIVE BACK 15,000 HUNS

Gen. Maurice Sees Only 1500 Prisoners Taken as Part of Foe Strategy in Present Attack

By MAJ. GEN. MAURICE

Former Director of Military Operations of British Army

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The Germans launched their expected offensive yesterday morning on a front extending from north of Chateau-Thierry and west of Chateau-Chalons in the Champagne, westward beyond Chateau-Thierry.

The enemy's drive fell upon American troops east of Rheims, east of Thierry. After battling for many hours the American troops in a magnificent counter-attack threw a whole division of Germans back across the Marne River in the curve of the river west and southwest of Jaulgonne.

There are now no Germans across the Marne in front of our troops. At 10 o'clock in the morning there were 15,000 of them.

We inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, many of whom were drowned in the swollen stream. We took 600 prisoners.

Other advices say the number of prisoners taken is 1000 to 1500, including an entire brigade staff. The offensive in the region of Chateau-Thierry.

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TEXAS DRAFT RESISTERS SURRENDER

LUFKIN, Tex., July 16.—Three draft resisters and eight men who are accused of harboring them in the jungles of San Augustine County for a week after State Ranger Dudley White had been shot and killed in attempting to arrest one of them, have surrendered and been turned over to the rangers.

SEVERAL THOUSAND U. S. TROOPS IN MURMAN

LONDON, July 16.—There are several thousand American troops operating on the Murman coast, in northern Russia, it was learned authoritatively today.

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ALLIED ARMIES STAND OFF NEW GERMAN BLOWS

Prussian Offensive Fails on Both Sides of Rheims

By the Associated Press

Paris, July 16.

Despite the renewal of the German drive today on the Marne-Champagne front the French and Americans are still holding firmly.

On the front east of Rheims, in spite of terrific fighting during the past day and night, the enemy has not been able to penetrate the French zone of defense.

West of Rheims the enemy attacked in very considerable strength at two places by way of the Marne railway and in the country south of Dormans.

In this neighborhood they succeeded in throwing six bridges across the Marne between Reilly and Dormans, but at no point on this twenty-five-mile front has the enemy penetrated more than four miles into the French positions.

Led by Below and Bohm The attack was conducted by the forces of General von Below and General von Bohm, who are directing the operations of the two armies on the left wing of the German Crown Prince group.

Great numbers of German corpses are lying on the tangle of barbed wire in front of the French positions, and all the reports state that the losses of the Germans must have been exceedingly heavy.

The main attack to the east of Rheims continued up to 7 o'clock last night. The fighting was extremely severe in the vicinity of Souain and at Prunay where the Germans captured a wood south of the village.

This, however, was an exception, the German attack elsewhere being repulsed with heavy losses. The French line of resistance remains practically intact everywhere.

Official Statement The battle continues violently especially along the Marne and in the region of Chateau-Thierry.

Except for one sector south of the Marne there is no change in the situation American and French troops are counter-attacking magnificently and are taking many prisoners, according to the statement issued by the War Office today.

The text of the statement reads: "The battle continues with redoubled violence. Between Chateau-Thierry and Rheims the enemy is launching furious attacks. The combats are particularly violent south of the Marne and in the region of Chateau-Thierry."

"French and American troops are resisting magnificently and are counter-attacking many times with the utmost vigor."

"South of the Marne the Germans have not been able to advance their lines beyond St. Agnan, La Chapelle, Monthodon, Listeres and south of the forest of Boulogny. In this region the French have taken 1000 prisoners. Mareuil-le-Port, on the Marne south of Chateau-Thierry, is held by the French."

"North of the Marne the French have held up the enemy in the outskirts of Chateau-Thierry and southeast of the Rodemont wood. In this region there is no appreciable change in the rest of the line. All German attacks during the course of the night failed."

"On the front east of Rheims the

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